

only self-instructional materials allowed for credit. Category II credits are not allowed. The Physicians Recognition Award for recertifying in general surgery is not allowed in fulfillment of the CME requirements. Interested individuals should refer to the 2004 *Booklet of Information* for a complete description of acceptable CME credits.

Diplomates should maintain a documented list of their major cases performed during the year prior to application for recertification. This practice review should consist of 1 year's consecutive major operative experiences. If more than 100 cases occur in 1 year, only 100 should be listed.

Candidates for recertification/maintenance of certification will be required to complete all sections of the SESATS self-assessment examination. It is not necessary for candidates to purchase SESATS individually because it will be sent to candidates after their application has been approved.

Diplomates may recertify the year their certificate expires, or if

they wish to do so, they may recertify up to 2 years before it expires. However, the new certificate will be dated 10 years from the date of expiration of their original certificate or most recent recertification certificate. In other words, recertifying early does not alter the 10-year validation.

Recertification/maintenance of certification is also open to Diplomates with an unlimited certificate and will in no way affect the validity of their original certificate.

The deadline for submission of applications for the recertification/maintenance of certification process is May 10 each year. A brochure outlining the rules and requirements for recertification/maintenance of certification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, One Rotary Center, Suite 803, Evanston, IL 60201; telephone number: 847-475-1520; fax: 847-475-6240; e-mail: [abts\\_everanston@msn.com](mailto:abts_everanston@msn.com). The booklet is also published on the Web site: [www.abts.org](http://www.abts.org).

### Notices of correction

In the September 2003 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by Bizakis and associates titled "Activation of Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinases During Preparation of Vein Grafts and Modulation by a Synthetic Inhibitor" (2003;126:659-65), the name of Ram Sharony, MD, was omitted from the list of authors. The name should be placed between Kevin M. Hyman and Eugene A. Grossi.

In the September 2003 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by Jahangiri and associates titled "Cardiac Surgery During Pregnancy: Pulsatile or Nonpulsatile Perfusion?" (2003;126:894-5), two authors' names were misspelled. The correct spellings are Federico Prefumo and James Clarke.